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CITY CELEBRATES WHITE CHRISTMAS

Deep Snow Falls on Big Holiday for First Time in Five

GOOD CHEER IS EVERYWHERE

Clubs and Private Homes, Keep Open House in True Yuletide Spirit.

ing—a heavy flaky snow that small ted suicide yesterday in the Hotel Adelphia. The only reason for his act is that he lost a large sum of money inches thick. Two hours later, when sleepy Christmas Eve revelers yawned and wondered if it was too late for the contract of t and wondered if it was too late for

since 1969 has Richmond had ained. In the last thirty-eight years here have been only ten in which snow and Christmas came together. The white Christmas Days of this long period came in 1876, 1879, 1887, 1891, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1908, 1909 and 1914. speak unromantically, the snow in contact with cold winds from was said at the local United States Wheeler, in his capacity as agent for Weather Bureau yesterday, would obtain as long as the storm area recommittee, paid out \$9,678 to aid in wained localized to the south and weather.

WITH EMPTY COAL BINS were thousands who looked from chilled rooms and wonlong the snow would stay

TO CHEER FOR HOMES

giving there were few homes that were not warm and plentifully supplied with Christmas solids and dainties. The snow was welcome. The few that braved it in the open wrestled with the flaky swirls, blood a tingle. The small boy was up early with his sled. brayed it in the open wrestled with the flaky swirls, blood a-tingle. The small boy was up early with his sled and overshoes, and reveled in it.

CITY KEEPS OPEN HOUSE ON PEERLESS HOLIDAY

Far and wide the city threw open its doors in honor of the peerless holithe board to worship at the shrine of departed turkeys. From afar came relatives and friends to spend big day in happy reunion. The colleges and universities sent back borrowed sons and daughters. The hearthstone was again the centre of communal life, like the

ment, following a time-honored custom, sent to each guest yesterday morning cheering glass of eggnog. It was and a half. He was in jail in modern touch of Richmond hospitality that for two years prior to his extradition.

It also became known yesterday that it also became known yesterday that loved ones. The drink was carried to each room by a grinning bell-boy, who presented it on a silver waiter with an elaborate bow and a "Chrismus "Chrismus gif', boss," and there is little wonder reward was in many cases

CLUBS SERVE EGGNOG

TO CALLING MEMBERS At the Westmoreland, Common-wealth, Jefferson and other clubs, open house was kept all day. Bowls of eggnog were filled and refilled as the members and their friends came by for a handshake and a look-in.

Hotel dining-rooms, except for the of translents, were practi-erted. Richmonders invariably ate their Christmas dinners at home or at the homes of friends. It was stay-at-home day. The avenues and downtown shopping streets remained all but deserted. The hooded police picking their way slowly over tracks choked with snow, and sweepers in-dustriously cleaning the snow from grades and curves, were the lone ex-

ceptions to the general rule of rest. CHRISTMAS SPIRIT
PENETRATES PRISON WALLS The Christmas spirit penetrated the walls that inclose the disabled and those who have sinned against the laws of society. At the State Penitentiary, at the City and County Jails, and complete gymnasium costumes. in the almshouses, asylums and in-firmaries the authorities departed from

and even sumptuous dinners. Dozens of churches held special Christmas Day services, brightened by hollday music. The programs in the Episcopal churches were particularly claborate. While the snow was at its heaviest at the morning church hour and kept many indoors, all the services

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Now Year's Eve. Thursday, December
1814. Table d' Hote supper from 2 P. M.
1 A. M. Three dollars per cover. Ballm ninth floor, dancing. Hotel Richmond. the capital,

British Cruiser May Be

VALPARAISO, December 25.—A wireless message from the Chilean orpedo gunboat Tome reports the British cruiser Newcastle cannonal. ing fifteen miles from Valparaiso. It is supposed she has engaged the German cruiser Dresden and converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friederich A British squadron and Japanese warships are known to be cruising not far from this port.

WROTE UP HIS OWN DEATH

Richard Paraday Sent Picture With Notices of His Suicide.

PHILADELPHIA, December 25 .- Af-Richmond gazed sleepily out of frosted windows yesterday morning to look upon the first white Christmas in five years. To be sure, there had been a foretaste Saturday afternoon. It had snowed in a desultory way, but the flakes had melted as fost as them.

ay came the snow. It began falling a picture of the nineteen-year-old bull-standing, ortly after 4 o'clock yesterday morn-fighter of Madrid, Spain, who commit-On gen-

and wondered if it was too late for church, the white carpet had attained a thickness of four inches. Snow fell without stop all day, covering the city with a blanket eight or ten inches in depth.

TEN WHITE HOLIDAYS IN

and wondered if it was too late for church in the newspaper onces can be all the newspape THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS Some examination papers in his pocket. He was evidently a Spanlard.

FIGHT ON HILL'S ELECTION

Defeated Opponent Gives Congressman

NORWALK, CONN., December Congressman-Elect Ebenezer J. Hill was notified that his opponent at the recent election, Congressman Jeremiah Donocomplaint alleged numerous violations of election laws by Wheeler, Hill's po-litical agent. It is charged also that the statement of expenses, Hill filed over the North Atlantic and at Washington is incomplete, and that many items in the expense account filed at Hartford are illegal, at the local United States.

Wheeler, in his capacity as agent for

the election. This sum is said to be in excess of the legal limit. Private corporations in several States are charged with contributing to the fund. and money is said to have been improperly used. Hill had nothing to say for publication. Previous to the present session of Congress Hill was a prominent Republican member of the Ways and Means Committee for many years. He was defeated for respection He was defeated for re-election by Donovan, Democrat, two years ago.

Last month he won over Donovan by
a substantial majority.

COLDER WEATHER PROMISED

Sweeping Northeastward

Throughout South. WASHINGTON, December 25 -Snow is a composite thing. Within that to-night was sweeping norther walk from palaces on the davenues stand the hovels of ly. To the former the snow joy unbounded, to the latter a loss of the storm's centre, last night over Louis-loss over South Caroloss over So tion of nature dulled by a fear for the turning to snow in parts of Virginia, fact."

North Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas

But thanks to a city-wide spirit of and Oklahoma.

RECORD

vices received here vesterday by Charlton's attorney. Charlton has now been in prison in Italy for more than a year cerns

warmed the heart of many a visitor from a far State, compelled by business to spend the holiday away from recently been taken in various sections of this country. The testimony of the witnesses here had to do principally The testimony of the with events in the life of the mur

dered woman. Charlton's attorney, John Palmieri, said that, upon his protest, Secretary of State Bryan had recently cabled to the American ambassador at Rome instructions to take up with the Italian authorities the question of procuring an immediate trial for Charlton.

SING CAROLS FOR THAW

Boys and Girls Serenade Fugitive From Matteawan.

MANCHESTER, N. H., December 25 .-MANCHESTER, N. H., December 25.— Half a hundred children in Harry K. Thaw's home last night and sang Christmas carols. Thaw stood in the window and smiled at his girl and boy The fugitive has given 150 pairs of

skates away to the children of Man-chester, and has promised to have city, encircled with electric lights, so that the kiddies may skate at night.

The hundreds of boys and girls in the State Industrial School, on the river road between Manchester and Hook

MRS. ISABEL CURTIS DEAD

She Was Noted as Author, and Was Widely Known.

WASHINGTON, December 25.—News was received in Washington of the death in Vermont yesterday of Mrs. Isabel Gordon Curtis, the noted au-

Mrs. Curtis, who had been ill for some time, died after an operation. She happy over many messages he is re-was the wife of Henry Curtis, for eigh-ceiving from America approving his storm king. In the wayside inn, as the Republican Committee, and had a wide acquaintance with notable people at

in Fight With Germans

Richmond Merchants Unite in Pronouncing 1914 Satisfactory Business Season.

CONDEMN CALAMITY HOWLERS

Local Stores Have No Real Cause to Complain, Says Secretary Clarke.

upon the first white Christmas in five years. To be sure, there had been a foretaste Saturday afternoon. It had snowed in a desultory way, but the flakes had melted as fast as they fell. The night hours of Christmas Eve were cold and clammy, with a chilling wind from the sea.

With the ushering in of Christmas Day came the snow. It began falling

on general conditions in every line of retailing no better authority can be found than W. A. Clarke, Jr., secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association. the fetali Merchants' Association. His duties bring him into personal contact with the big men and small men, and through his position he is more or less familiar with all that is being done in the city. His opinion is decidedly optimistic.

NO RIGHT TO COMPLAIN, SAYS W. A. CLARKE, JR.

"I do not think business has been nearly as bad as one would imagine from all of the hard-time tales that have been going around," said Mr. Clarke last night. "Taking the conditions into consideration, I do not think that any local stores have a right to compilain. I am told on every of books in many of the conce know that they have done as if not more, business than last year. The future for next year is exceedingly bright. The country is going through a readjustment period, and it looks very favorable to me and to members of the association. We are making preparations for the new matter out-of-town business in a syste-matter manner. Certainly no one need be down in the mouth now." Several well-known business men were interviewed on the subject. Their

expressions follow:

"Our business was satisfactory, and we were surprised that it held up as well as it did," said I. H. Kaufman, of Kaufmann & Co. "With so much talk of hard times and the people out of employment, we feared that our business would not equal that of last year.

| Complete | Com ness would not equal that of last year, but we now see that the volume will be in excess of that period. The sumbe in excess of that period. The sum-mer and fall has been more than satis-factory, and the holiday trade was sur-prising. I do not look for great ac-tivity immediately after the new year,

outlook for the coming year to be en-couraging. From his conversations with men connected with other concerns, he said that he had gathered the iden that business was normal, and that the situation is becoming better week by week.

SAYS BUSINESS HAS BEEN

ever had, and I believe that spring will the order, gave to the poor 460 baskets, see a readjustment, and the country and city will enter into a new era of The Salvation Army, whose officers go prosperity. I have spoken to heads of several concerns in our line, and all known with each day's rising sun, discreport excellent business. Every merchant on Broad Street has been surprised. The calamity howf frightened most of us, but since December 1. chant on Broad Street has been sur-prised. The calamity howf frightened most of us, but since December 1, we, and others, too, have been perfectly satisfied, and not a day has passed that we haven't been forced to telegraph for extra goods." goes the talk all over the city, brought

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Business was certainly unbalanced for a while by the conditions of the past year, but it speaks well of the local houses when they report so optimistically on the situation. All unite in saying that the calamity howler was responsible for much of the uneasiness and unrest, and predict that the ness readjustment which is being brought about by the inauguration of the new Federal banking system, the advance in freight rates, and the big orders from European nations, will soon be felt here, and will help im-

SAD CHRISTMAS AT VATICAN

Pope Busies Himself With Plans for Exchange of Wounded Prisoners,

Exchange of Wounded Prisoners.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]

ROME, December 25.—This was a sad Christmas at the Vatican, where Buchanan and his devoted wife labored

English Sentry Dog in the Trenches More and more are the fighting nations realizing the reliance they can place in the dog, the four-footed mute friend of man, as a factor to be reckoned with. Belgium has made extensive use in the various divisions of her army of the dog. France, as well as Germany, has found the dog a valuable assistant in the Red Cross divisions. Now Great Britain has come to the fore, and is training dogs for sentry purposes. This wire-haired terrier shown in the trenches with the British fighters is one of Major Richardson's well-known sentry dogs. Already numbers of them are doing good service with the army at the front. They are sent to do outpost duty accompanying sentries on patrol.

Their Stockings in Vain.

CHARITABLE PEOPLE

HOSPITALS ARE REMEMBERED SUCCESSOR NOT YET CHOSEN FRENCH

and The Times-Dispatch Will Receive Contributions for Relief of Those Out of Work.

As the wind is tempered to the shorn lamb, so yesterday were the vicissi-tudes of life among the poor and needy lina. Heavy rains were reported in the South Atlantic and Gulf States, and Gulf States, turning to snow in parts of Virginia, for the South Atlantic and Gulf States, turning to snow in parts of Virginia, and either which where it is and dainties. The south of the south at the s

Through a list of unfortunates, com-piled by Mrs. Buchanan, wife of Dr. James Buchanan, general secretary of the Associated Charities, 297 families, in which are comprised 776 children, were visited by private individuals who had come to large and the comprised 176 children. who had come to learn of other's woe. MORE THAN SATISFACTORY

"I am delighted with the situation." said W. H. Schwarzschild, of Schwarzschild Brothers, Inc. "Business has been more than satisfactory with us, and we have run ahead of last year, It has been the biggest year we have ever had, and I believe that soring with the corder gave to the poor fee heads the poor fee heads and I believe that soring with the order gave to the poor fee heads the where wee and want and suffering are

tation of the cheer of the outside world. To many the parcel post brought remembrances from those whose hearts are turned towards the sun, whose eyes are free to look where they may, and the prison officials provided them with more than the usual month were fed with something more than the usual hash, and contented stomachs were stanch against the outer gloom.

HOSPITALS REMEMBERED

The Richmond Rotary Club joined in that John T. Wilson had been appointthe gift-giving movement, and every child now in a hospital was remem-bered with a Christmas present. The every ed to fill the vacancy. club sent out 150 gifts, and, so far as it knew, every little patient received a token of cheer. Down on East Franklin Street, where

BUSINESS CLUB MANAGER NO REST ON CHRISTMAS

nation, After Serving Institution Four Vears

Need Will Continue After Holidays, Directors Induce Mr. Walford to Remain With Organization Until March 1-Club Has Had Large Growth During His Term.

> Charles P. Walford, Jr., secretary and manager of the Business Men's

DREN DO NOT HANG
UP THEIR STOCKINGS IN VAIN

THE PROPERTY OF AMERICAN COMPANY OF THE PROPERTY membership of 623, it has jumped to a membership of 912, a gain of nearly a membership of 912, a gain of heart, 46 per cent. During that time the club

CLUB'S FINANCIAL CONDITION IMPROVED
That Mr. Walford will be highly successful in his new venture is not doubted by those who have watched his work at the Business Men's Club. The organization, when he assumed charge, had a heavy debt carried over from its old quarters, and the restaurant proved a heavy burden for it to The restaurant, however, has been turned over to a private contracbonds have been issued to carry the old debt, and the club is now facing its most prosperous period.

To give an idea of the magnitude of

business, the last report Walford shows that the dues alone was \$13,643 last year The total expense of operating the club, including rent and other fixed charges, was only \$9,078, leaving a profit of \$4,546. These figures do not include the restaurant, but as this is no longer a factor in the club man-agement, the total profits, on the same basis, will soon put the club out of

Mr. Walford will become manager for Mr. Hardwicke, with offices in the Travelers' Insurance Building. He will Announcement was made yesterday that A. M. Gover had resigned from the board of directors of the club, and

M'ADOO CALLS ON SHIPPERS

Wants Facts About High Freight Rates and Scarcity of Vennels.

WASHINGTON, December 25 .- Secre-ROME, December 25.—This was a sad Christmas at the Vatican, where Pope Benedict X. busied himself almost throughout the day perfecting his plans for the exchange of wounded prisoners of war. The Pope is very a place where they might sleep properties of the process of the series of the wayside inn, as the process of the process of the wayside inn, as the process of the process of

FOR WARRING ARMIES

Allies Engaged Almost in Hand-to-Hand Combat Against German Trenches.

Both Sides Assert They Have Repulsed Attacks at Various Points. Violent Revolution in Albania Against Essad Pasha.

LONDON, December 25 (11:30 P. M.). -Christmas brought no rest to the

and Germans at many points that al-most the only weapons used are hand grenades, since it is impossible the men to expose themselves even to

FOR BURIAL OF DEAD There have been informal truces between the French and Germans for burial between the trenches. Accord-ing to a British eyewitness, for many weeks along miles of the battle line the dead have lain as they fell. The gruesome account speaks of bodies held erect by the barbed wires, and scouts crawling over them at Albania against Essad Pasha, whom

Turkey established as ruler there the Ottoman government broke into the European war. Essad Pasha's pal-

peaceful inhabitants. Italian interven-tion may embroil Italy with her recent for, Turkey, and holds possibilities of far-reaching results.

German aviators made another at far-reaching results.

German aviators made another at-

tempt to drop bombs on British ports to-day. Like the attempt against Dover, that of to-day, which was directed against Sheerness, was unsuc-cessful. An aeropiane crossed the channel, according to the official re-port, and, sailing high, flew over Sheer-

SEAPORT OF ALBANIA

Recent dispatches from Athens said marchy reigned at Avlona, and that the region around the Albanian seaport was a prey to civil war. Partisans of Kemal Rey last month forced the government to haul down the Turkish flag and hoist the Albanian colors. Essaid Pasha, commander-in-chief of the Pasha, commander-in-chief of the admiralty was convinced the explosion was internal, but later it was officially admitted that Scotland Yard was lookdied after an operation, she fo of Henry Curtis, for eight secretary of the National Committee, and had a wide war. After the day's Christmas mass, the war. After the day's Christmas mass, Pope Benedict spent some time with relatives.

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bor at Sheerness Headed for Capital. RAIDER IS DRIVEN OFF

Machine Sighted Over Har-

AFTER SHARP BATTLE Attempt Believed to Be Fulfilment of Recent German

Boast. 'IN LONDON BY CHRISTMAS'

French Statement Claims Progress for Allies Before Nieu-

No Material Change in War Situation

C HRISTMAS at the front, both cast and west, saw no abatement in the flerce struggles that have been going on for weeks between the warring nations for some decisive results, which might turn the tide of battle.

denburg, continue their assaults on day and night before Christmas the invaders hammered away in a series of attacks, according to the latest official statement, principally in the districts of Sochaczow, twenty-eight miles west of Warsaw, and Bollmow, just south of Sochacow. All these attacks were repulsed with great loss to the Germans, the Petrograd communication says.

In the western theatre both Germans and allies claim to have re-pulsed attacks at various points, but there is no indication in the reports of any material change in the

Italy has occupied the Albaniar Albania against the Turkish ruler, Essad Pasha. This step was taken to restore order and afford protec-tion to Europeans and penceful in-

Japanese Emperor has dissolved the Imperial Diet, owing to the rejection of the measure for an tion the Emperor upholds the profrom the Emperor upnotes the pro-gram of the ministry for military development. A rescript suspends the House of Peers pending the elec-tion, which probably will be held in

Having failed to secure a suspension of hostilities at Christmastime, Pope Benedict spent Christmas Day working on his plan for the exchange of wounded prisoners who in the fighting.

A German aviator on Christmas drove his machine across English Channel. However, like his compatriot, who recently made an attempt against Dover, he was un successful, being driven away by British aircraft.

A dispatch from Petrograd to London says the number of German prisoners registered in the Russian capital is 1,140 officers and 131,700 men; the number of Austrians reg-istered is 3,166 officers and 221,400

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] LONDON, December 25.-An attempted aerial raid on London by a German aeroplane was defeated to-day by the vigilance of the Royal Flying

A hostile biplane was sighted flying over Sheerness harbor at 12:35 P. M., according to the official announcement ace at Tirana has been pillaged and burned. Massacres are reported.

The Italian government has landed directly towards London. At the state of the burned of the War Office. The machine was travelling at high speed from the east directly towards London. At the state of the burney of the official announcement of the War Office. The machine was travelled to the official announcement of the War Office. The Italian government has landed sailors from warships at Aviona to restore order and protect Europeans and peaceful inhabitants. Italian intervention may embroil Italy with her recent

A battle in the air followed, in which the British aviator hit the enemy's machine three or four times. After a sharp engagement, the raider was the British flyer in pursuit.

DRIVES GERMAN AWAY

port, and, salling high, new over sheerness. British aircraft went in pursuit,
and, one dispatch says, engaged the
enemy for a quarter of an hour before
thousands of spectators. The invaders
finally disappeared in the mist, having
been hit several times.

TALIAN SAILORS OCCUPY

AND RETURNS SAFELY
The British machine was not prepared for a long flight, and, after
making our that the Germanwas
making of, and that there was no
further danger of his completing his
plans for a raid on the capital, the
English aviator returned to Sheerness.
At first it was thought the German At first it was thought the German ROME, December 25.—A company of Italian sailors to-day occupied Aviona, a seaport of Albania, on the Adriatic Sea.

Recent dispatches from Athens said marchy reigned at Aviona, and that the search reigned at Aviona, and that